

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 11, 37, 40 and 42 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 4 and 32 as follows.

1 -3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A digital camera which has a memory for storing images, can be directly connected to a printer, and has a function of directly transmitting an image to the printer, comprising:

a display unit that displays an image stored in the memory;

a selection unit configured to select an image to be printed from among images ~~stored in the memory~~ displayed by said display unit, after communication between the digital camera and the printer is established;

a print instruction transmitting unit configured to transmit, to the printer, a print instruction indicating that the image selected by said selection unit is to be printed;

an image transmitting unit configured to transmit, in response to receiving from the printer a request for transmitting the image to be printed, the requested image to the printer;

a reception unit configured to receive from the printer a message indicating the status of the printer; and

a control unit configured to, ~~(i), if~~ in response to receipt by said reception unit ~~has received of~~ a reception end message indicating that all data of the image to be printed was received by the printer, keep the communication connection between the digital camera and

the printer and display on the display unit a message indicating that the communication between the digital camera and the printer can be disconnected by a user's operation and the digital camera is ready to photograph before completion of a print process by the printer of the image to be printed, until the communication connection between the digital camera and the printer is disconnected by the user's operation or said reception unit receives a print completion message indicating that the print process of the image has been completed, ~~display a message indicating that the communication between the digital camera and the printer can be disconnected by a user's operation before completion of a print process, by the printer, of the image to be printed and keep the communication connection between the digital camera and the printer,~~ and (ii) if in response to receipt by said reception unit receives of the print completion message during the communication when the digital camera is connected to the printer, stop the message display by said display unit, display an image, and enable the selection of another image to be printed by said selection unit.

5-27. (Canceled)

28. (Previously Presented) The digital camera according to Claim 4, wherein said control unit displays information indicating that the user may disconnect the digital camera and the printer and may operate the digital camera for sensing an image in response to receiving the reception end message from the printer.

29. (Previously Presented) The digital camera according to Claim 4, wherein the digital camera and the printer are connected by a cable, and said control unit displays

information indicating that the cable can be disconnected in response to receiving the reception end message from the printer.

30. (Previously Presented) The digital camera according to Claim 4, wherein the digital camera and the printer are connected via a wireless interface, and said control unit displays information indicating that the camera can be brought outside a wireless communication area of the printer in response to receiving the reception end message from the printer.

31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling a digital camera which has a memory for storing images, can be directly connected to a printer, and has a function of directly transmitting an image to the printer, comprising the steps of:

displaying with a display unit an image stored in the memory;

selecting with the digital camera an image to be printed from among images ~~stored in the memory~~ displayed by the display unit, after communication between the digital camera and the printer is established;

transmitting to the printer a print instruction indicating that the image selected by said selecting step is to be printed;

transmitting, in response to receiving from the printer a request for transmitting the image to be printed, the requested image to the printer;

receiving from the printer a message indicating the status of the printer; and

controlling the digital camera so ~~as to that~~, ~~(i) if in response to receipt of a~~
reception end message ~~is received~~ in said receiving step indicating that all data of the
image to be printed was received by the printer, keep the communication connection
between the digital camera and the printer, and display on the display unit a message
indicating that the communication between the digital camera and the printer can be
disconnected by a user's operation and the digital camera is ready to photograph before
completion of a print process by the printer of the image to be printed, until the
communication connection between the digital camera and the printer is disconnected by
the user's operation or said receiving step receives a print completion message indicating
that the print process of the image has been completed, ~~a message is displayed indicating~~
~~that the communication between the digital camera and the printer can be disconnected by~~
~~a user's operation before completion of a print process, by the printer, of the image to be~~
~~printed and keep the communication connection between the digital camera and the printer,~~
and ~~(ii) if in response to receipt by~~ said receiving step receives of the print completion
message while the digital camera is connected and communicates with the printer, stop the
message display by the display unit, display an image, and enable selection of another
image to be printed ~~is enabled~~.

33. (Canceled)

34. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 32, wherein said
controlling step controls to display information indicating that the user may disconnect the

digital camera and the printer and may operate the digital camera for sensing an image in response to the camera receiving the reception end message from the printer.

35. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 32, wherein said controlling step controls to display information indicating that a cable can be disconnected in response to receiving the reception end message from the printer when the digital camera and the printer are connected by the cable.

36. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 32, wherein said controlling step controls to display information indicating that the digital camera can be brought outside a wireless communication area of the printer in response to receiving the reception end message from the printer when the digital camera and the printer are connected via a wireless interface.

37-38. (Canceled)

39. (Previously Presented) The digital camera according to Claim 4, wherein, after the printer sends to the digital camera the reception end message indicating that all data of the image to be printed was received by the printer, the printer continues the print process until the print process for the image to be printed is completed.

40. (Canceled)

41. (Previously Presented) The method of controlling a digital camera according to Claim 32, wherein, after the printer sends to the digital camera the reception end message indicating that all data of the image to be printed was received by the printer, the printer continues the print process until the print process for the image to be printed is completed.

42. (Canceled)